

NORTHERN NETWORK NEWS

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This Past Week

MSU-Northern Hosts 45th Annual SkillsUSA Competition



Steven Don talks about SkillsUSA

MSU-Northern was proud to host the 2016 SkillsUSA Montana State Leadership and Skills Conference. The event ran from Monday morning and concluded with an awards ceremony on Wednesday. Northern has been part of SkillsUSA since 1972. Thank you to the entire campus for all of your hard work in making this event a huge success. Northern students who received awards were:

Nathan Baird - Bronze in Automotive Service Technology
Christopher Brekke - Bronze in Diesel Equipment Technology

Joe Vernon

- Gold in Job Interview

- Bronze in Welding

Carlie Rembold

- Gold in Extemporaneous Speaking

Charlie Smart

- Silver in Extemporaneous Speaking



Click on image to watch the 2016 SkillsUSA wrap-up video

Bull Dazzle Rodeo Fundraiser



Last weekend's rodeo team fundraiser was a hit! It was a sold out, packed house both Friday and Saturday. Coach Doug Kallenberger mentioned that the event seemed like a very successful fundraising experience for the team. There was an arena record bull ride of 90 points Saturday night by Bryce Bernel, and EPB Champion Clay Applegate won the average on both nights.

Spring Fling Success



The Northern Lights Athletics Scholarship Foundation's (NLASF) Annual Spring Fling Dinner and Auction was a great success last weekend. There were around 450 attendees. During the festivities, Northern recognized its athletes of the year, Garrett DeMers and Natalee Faupel. Independence Bank won the Bob Bricker Shining Light award, and Nichole Borst, Chris Mouat, and Shawn Huse received their Athletic Department 10-Year Awards.

Tribal Transfer Day



For the second year in a row, students from the different tribal colleges in the state visited the Northern campus to gain information about their transferability to the different programs Northern offers. This year students from Blackfeet Community College, Stone Child College, Aaniiih Nakoda College, and Fort Peck Community College spent the day at Northern attending short presentations about Native American studies, the Little River Institute, admissions, financial aid, student activities, registration, housing in Havre, childcare, and North Central Montana Transit. The guests had the opportunity to have lunch with faculty and take a campus tour. Additionally, they met with possible future advisors, participated in a panel with current Native American students and members of the Northern Native Alumni Association. Tribal Transfer Day is a collaborative event sponsored by Student Success, the Provost Office, the Little River Institute, and the Office of Diversity Awareness and Multicultural Programs.

MSUN Spanish Conversational Group



*Emma Faus, Jamie Toscano, and Shane Rice (not pictured William Walker and Gabriel Benavidez).

A group of students and community individuals have formed a Spanish speaking group (the next meeting will be April 20th). Everyone is welcome to attend. Conversational get-togethers are the third Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. Every meeting there is a different topic for conversation. For more information, contact the MSUN Multicultural Center at mcc@msun.edu, or call at 265-3589.

Sue Solomon Earns M.B.A.

Faithful Northern Bookstore manager Sue Solomon recently earned her master's in business administration with a concentration in finance. Alongside working full-time and being a single mother, Solomon decided to pursue her master's degree after an inspiring talk with her mother. Her mom encouraged her, telling her, "You can never have enough education, and you can't put a price on your education." Solomon had been longing to chase this dream for years but was terrified of failure. The wise words her mother spoke spurred her on to finally push past fear and reach her goal. She completed her courses with Colorado Technical University online. Solomon is unsure of all the ways she'll utilize her new degree, but she is absolutely thrilled to have taken a risk and finished the 18-month program that gives her a degree she'll use and carry for the rest of her life.



Student Excellence Winners

The Student Excellence Award is the highest honor a Northern student can receive. The results are in, and this year's Student Excellence Winners are as follows:

Rachelle Bennett, Hunter Chandler, Garrett DeMers, Shana Henry, Matt McKeen, Kyla McNamara, Andrew Potter, Scotti Ramberg, Kilby "KJ" Rech, Lane Urick, and Phillip Quinn- graduate winner

These students will be honored at the Awards Celebration Day on April 15 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Tobacco Free Campus

On March the 24th, the University Advisory Committee voted to approve a motion to adopt a four-campus policy (MSU-Bozeman, MSU-Billings, Great Falls College, and MSUN) that will make MSU-Northern a tobacco free campus. The tobacco use policy for this campus was well vetted at the student, faculty, and staff levels, and Chancellor Kegel used input from all those venues in his decision to sign his approval on this policy. The policy will go into effect July 1, 2016.

Important Announcements

Exit Counseling Sessions for Spring Graduates- Apr. 19 & 20

Attention spring graduates: federal regulations require any student who received a federal student loan to attend an exit counseling session upon completion of his or her program. The upcoming exit counseling sessions will take place on Tuesday, April 19 at 12 p.m., 3 p.m., and 6 p.m. and again on Wednesday, April 20 at 11 a.m., 2 p.m., and 5 p.m. in the library computer lab B. If you are unable to attend one of these sessions, please contact Karen Terrell at 265-3776 or stop by Cowan Hall 213 G (Financial Aid Office) to set up an appointment.

ATTENTION SUMMER CO-OP STUDENTS!

YOU MUST ATTEND ONE OF THESE MEETINGS:

- Tuesday, April 19 at 12 noon
- Wednesday, April 20 at 3 p.m.
- Friday, April 22 at 10 a.m.

Held in the Library Computer Lab

Graduation Garb- a Reminder for Spring 2016 Graduates

Do not forget to reserve your graduation cap, gown, and tassel for the upcoming graduation ceremony to be held on May 7, 2016. To place your order, please visit the MSU-Northern Bookstore (8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday), you can also download and email the order form to bookstore@msun.edu, or you can place a phone order by calling 406-265-3728. Since the March 6 deadline has passed, orders will now incur an additional \$5.00 charge.

Continuing MSUN Students

**Complete your 2016-2017 FAFSA
By April 15th**

&

**You will be entered to win a \$250 gift certificate
to the MSUN Bookstore**

Go to fafsa.gov today!

Questions? Call 265-3787 or stop by the Financial Aid office

Faculty Workshops

Tech Snacks: Cheating

Tech Snacks are 15-minute professional development workshops for MSU-Northern faculty.

This week's topic: Cheating. Students have always cheated on tests and assignments. Motivations for cheating range from academic anxiety, to ignorance of what is or is not cheating, to simple laziness. Some of the methods and tools for cheating students now have access to may surprise you!

This week we'll talk about different kinds of cheating in the always-connected era, motivations for cheating, specific tools available to prevent or catch cheating, and more general pedagogical ideas for creating an environment that fosters greater academic integrity.

Tech Snacks is happening Friday, April the 8th at 10:30 a.m., 11 a.m., and 11:30 a.m. in Cowan Hall, Room 112, and again at 1:30 p.m. and 2 p.m. in the Brockmann Center conference room.

The Little River Institute Indigenous Education Conference - April 28-29

The Little River Institute Indigenous Education Conference, hosted at MSU-Northern, is intended to showcase personal experiences, recent research, and current events that impact the lives of Native American students, their families, and their communities in Montana and across Indian Country.

The Little River Institute invites both students and faculty at Northern, at high schools, and universities across the region, to submit proposals for presentation at the conference. For more information, including the Request for Proposal forms, contact Erica McKeon-Hanson at erica.mckeonhanson@msun.edu or visit www.littleriverinstitute.org.

Quality Matters - Anytime Online

Quality Matters (QM) is an organization devoted to effective design in online learning. QM offers professional development workshops and certifications that are available to instructors anytime online. QM also has a system by which instructors can get peer feedback on their online or blended courses. If you are interested, please contact Caleb Hutchins in Extended University.

Upcoming Activities

To Kill a Mockingbird Opens Tonight - April 8-9, 14-16, 21-23



MAT's rendition of Harper Lee's classic *To Kill a Mockingbird* is directed by Donald Mayer and will show April 8-9, 14-16, 21-23. Evening shows begin at 8 p.m. The doors and backstage lounge open 30 minutes before each show. Adult tickets cost \$15. Seniors, students, and military tickets are \$10. MSU-Northern students can attend for free with their current student I.D.s. This play includes adult themes, and may not be suitable for young audiences.

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Ribbons for each of these specified weeks are available at the SUB info desk, the library coffee cart, and Student Central in Cowan. Brought to you by the MSUN Rape Prevention Education Grant.

April 4-8: TEAL RIBBON WEEK

Wear a teal ribbon to show your support for sexual assault awareness month.

April 11-15: WHITE RIBBON CAMPAIGN WEEK

We ask men to wear a white ribbon and take a pledge to never commit, condone, or remain silent about violence against women and girls. Pledges will be displayed in the library foyer.

April 18-19: THE CLOTHESLINE PROJECT

This will be a visual display that bears witness to the violence against women. Come decorate a shirt to educate, document, and raise society's awareness of sexual assault and domestic violence. Materials will be available. It will take place at the SUB from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

April 20: MATTHEW SHEPARD IS A FRIEND OF MINE

"A moving eulogy to a life lost, but not forgotten." In 1998, University of Wyoming student, Matthew Shepard, was brutally beaten, tied to a fence and left to die because he was gay. This documentary follows one of the most notorious hate crimes in U.S. history. This movie will show in Hensler Auditorium at 6:30 p.m. on the 20th and is sponsored by MSUN Safe Zone.

April 27: HONOR DENIM DAY

Wear denim to protest the Italian Supreme Court's overruling of a 1999 rape conviction. It was overturned because the justices thought that because the woman was wearing tight jeans, she had to have helped the rapist remove her jeans, therefore implying consent. Promote the discussion of the misconceptions that surround sexual violence. #DenimDay

April 1-30: SILENT WITNESS INITIATIVE

The Silent Witness Initiative has been providing hope, help, and healing for the victims of domestic violence in Montana since 1999. Seventy-eight life-sized cutouts of Montana women and children who have been

murdered by a domestic partner since 1990 will be on a display that will move around the campus throughout the month.

Annual Senior Wrestling Banquet - April 9

The Annual Senior Wrestling Banquet will be held in the SUB at 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 9. Dinner will be provided and cost of attendance is \$10 per person. They will watch a highlight video of this season and hand out awards. Most importantly, they will be honoring our senior wrestlers Willie Miller, Riley Miller and Toby Cheff.

2nd Annual Ironman Round Robin Tournament- April 9

The 2nd Annual Ironman Round Robin Tournament is a competition between the first 12 students who signed up. This competition was limited due to the extensive number of games played. Students compete in bowling, ping pong, foosball, air hockey, darts, and billiards. Each student will play each participant in every event. First place will be a \$100 gift card from the MSUN Bookstore, and the top three winners of the tournament will be forever memorialized on a plaque in the Pin-n-Cue! The tournament will take place on April 9, from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m.

Game of Life - April 12

The Business Professionals of America and Financial Success are hosting a Live Game of Life in the SUB on the 12th of April from 1-3 p.m. Numbers used in the game are based on accurate research on what the average Northern graduate makes for every major.

World-class Violin Recital- Jack Glatzer - April 13

Returning to Havre for the fifth year, the Montana State University-Northern Chancellor's Lecture Series is proud to present world-class violinist, Jack Glatzer, on Wednesday, April 13, 2016. The recital will be at the Applied Technology Center, Hensler Auditorium, at 7:30 p.m. The recital is free and open to the public.

Mr. Glatzer will perform a solo violin recital. He introduces each musical work by an informal and intimate commentary and links music to art, history, and civilization. Glatzer's particular interest is the unaccompanied repertoire for the violin; he is celebrated not only for his interpretations of Bach, Paganini and Bartok but also for his performances of Locatelli, Roman, Ysaye, Bloch, Stravinsky, Elgar, Rochberg and Sculthorpe.

Mr. Glatzer resides in Portugal. He has performed as a soloist in North and South America, Europe, Asia, Africa and Australia, and has also released several acclaimed recordings. Glatzer makes an annual trip to Montana, spending much of time sharing his knowledge and love of music with children and youth.

For more information, please call MSU-Northern at (406) 265-3700.

Please visit the website to see the spring 2015 Chancellor's Lecture Series:

<http://msun.edu/news/calendar/events2015/ChancellorSeries.aspx>

Thrift Store Fashion Show - April 13

The MSU-Northern Financial Success Center is pleased to present the Spring Savings Thrift Store Fashion Show on April 13 at 6 p.m. in the Northern Food Court. Northern Ambassadors will be modeling thrift store outfits from Ruth Anne's and Sally Ann's. This is a fun way to see how you can be in style while saving some money.

Waffle Wednesday- April 13

Chi Alpha will be hosting a Waffle Wednesday in the Morgan Hall Lounge at 8 p.m. on April 13. Come on over for free waffles (of varying flavors), toppings (a wide and delicious variety), and beverages (hot and cold).

MSUN Safe Zone Extension- April 13 & 27

The 2nd and the 4th Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m., MSUN students, faculty, and staff and the community are welcome to attend the LGBTQ MSUN Safe Zone Extension group (the next meetings are April 13 and April 27). The purpose of these meetings is to establish a safe and welcoming environment for LGBTQ individuals and allies. Meetings will include meaningful conversations and understanding. Both queer and heterosexuals are welcome to attend. For more information, contact the MSUN Multicultural Center at mcc@msun.edu, or call 265-3589.

Spring 2016 Indigenous Movie Nights

This movie series is sponsored by the Native American Studies Program, and highlights films written, directed, produced, and cast by American Indian and indigenous artists and filmmakers. Following each film there will be a short discussion about the major themes and issues within the stories. Everyone is welcome. Light refreshments will be available. All movies will be held in Hensler Auditorium, ATC Building from 6-8 p.m. The remaining film this year is:

RHYMES FOR YOUNG GHOULS - Thurs. April 14

Teenage Revenge in the "Kingdom of the Crow"

Awards Day Celebration - April 15

Please plan to attend the yearly Awards Day Celebration. It will take place on April 15 from 10a.m.-12p.m. in the SUB. Come support the Northern family and celebrate the recipients of scholarships, Student Excellence Awards, and Golden N Awards.

Havre Pride Community Cleanup Day- April 16

Join together as a community and take pride in Havre on April 16. Many community members will be picking up trash in town and the surrounding areas. You can help too. Clean up your yard. Spiff up your business. Let's show care and commitment to our town. Bring recyclables to Pacific Steel & Recycling. Recycle clean containers with lids removed- plastics 1, 2, 4, and 5, glass, cardboard, paper, metal, batteries, light bulbs (in original boxes), and e-waste.

Annual Chair at the Table Auction- April 16

Havre's HRDC is hosting its annual Chair at the Table Auction. It will take place on Saturday, April 16, 2016, at 5 p.m. at the Havre Eagles Club. It's not too late to donate to this event by creating a beautiful or fun chair for the auction. You can pick up a "black canvas" chair at HRDC.

Sexual Assault Awareness Month Movie- April 20

Since April is Sexual Assault Awareness month, the MSUN Safe Zone in conjunction with the Rape Prevention Education Committee will be exhibiting the documentary Matthew Shepard is a Friend of Mine. In 1998, Matthew Shepard was beaten, and left to die on the night of October 6. Six days later he died of severe head injuries. Significant media coverage was given to what role Shepard's sexual orientation played in the killing, since he identified as gay and his murderers gave the impression they were gay in order to gain his trust. A short discussion will follow the documentary, which will take place April 20, at 6.30 pm in Hensler. Everyone is welcome to attend.

MSU-Northern's Founders' Excellence Award Dinner - May 6

The Athletic Hall of Fame induction ceremony will be held in conjunction with MSU-Northern's Founders' Excellence Award presentation ceremony on May 6 in the Student Union Building Ballroom on MSU-Northern's campus. This year's Hall of Fame inductees are Jaci Heny ('07) and Chad Edgar ('99). The Founder's Excellence Award recipients are George Bandy and family and Tom Baker. This is a special night to honor those that have helped to make Northern a great institution. Reservations are \$30 per person and include a three course meal.

To reserve your seat or for more information please contact the Northern Alumni Foundation Office at 406.265.3711 or alumni@msun.edu.

Weekly Columns

TidBits

By Bill Lanier

While many are aware of the multitude of books written by the late Gary Wilson there are a few others that focus on Northern, Havre and Hill County.

The first two books are by local historian and former Northern staff member, Emily Ann Mayer. The first is *Havre (Images of America)* and *Hill County (Images of America)*. These two books are great in that both give the reader a view back in time of both Havre and the surrounding area. Emily Mayer also contributes a weekly article, Celebrating History, that runs in the Havre Daily News.

The third book is, *This Is Not the Ivy League*, a memoir by former Northern faculty member Dr. Mary Clearman Blew. Dr. Blew is currently a faculty member at the University of Idaho. Here is a review of her book that was in the New York Times: http://www.nytimes.com/2011/09/04/books/review/this-is-not-the-ivy-league-by-mary-clearman-blew-book-review.html?_r=0

All three of these books may be purchased online through Amazon.

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